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Jake Melnick's Corner Tap

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EAT

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Chef-owner Michael

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DO

HOP ON BOARD

Comfort Station

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There's no rule that says you can't act the fool (sorry, we couldn't resist the rhyme) on the Poetry Slam Double Decker Bus Tour, an on-the-go preview for Chicago Slam Works' "In Any Tongue" show Friday (chicagoslamworks.com). Step onto the bus outside the gallery and cruise to three downtown locations where you hop off for outdoor performances by American and German slam poets. 8-10 p.m. \$5.

REDEYE TIP OF THE DAY

Cirque du Soleil's "Michael Jackson: The Immortal World Tour" hits the United Center on Friday and Saturday: ticketmaster.com.



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We learned last week that about 400,000 Yahoo Mail, AOL, Gmail and Hotmail passwords apparently were leaked. Another annoying bit of news for those who struggle to come up with new secret codes.

But it has given us another look into the psychology of password creation.

Swedish security expert Anders Nilsson and Declan McCullagh of tech site CNET ran the numbers on the leaked passwords. Their results differ slightly but mostly match up. Strings of keyboard letters like "qwerty" and ascending numerals were common.

Among the top-used first names, according to McCullagh's list, are michael, jordan and michelle (case sensitive). Nilsson indicates that of passwords that end in a number from zero to nine, one is, not surprisingly, the most popular. When a number is required, it's so tempting to just move your left pinkie to tack on a one. But five, which came in last, might be the safer choice.

Popular choices revealed in the leaked passwords:

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GETTY IMAGES

Ditching dates is good for you



Niki Fritz

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Bad date? There's now an app for that.

Earlier this month, eharmony.com released a free **Bad Date Rescue** app. It automatically calls you with built-in excuses to ditch your bad date in the least-confrontational way possible—with charmingly lame excuses like "My sister is in labor" or "My boss needs my help."

This app has gone too far! Although the app is meant to end a bad date in a "fun and light" way, as one eHarmony rep put it, what it really does is allow users to avoid the potentially positive act of ditching a date. As strange as it may sound, ditching a date can be one of the most empowering (while still awkward) things daters can do.

I earned my bad date merit badge last spring, thanks to a woefully naive attempt to date a man I had saved in my phone as "kickball guy with facial hair." After some memory-jogging texts back and forth, we decided to meet for dinner and a concert.

It is not an exaggeration to say the date instantly went bad. He regaled me with a summary of his bad day at work and then mused on whether his true artistic gifts lie in writing or piano. I unwisely attempted to play career counselor and, when that didn't work, relied on sarcasm to get through the rest of dinner.

The concert was beyond bad. It was eardrum-threatening wretched, and I knew I could not spend another two hours awkwardly swaying next to this date.

So I did what any good Wisconsin girl would do: I bought him a beer, thanked him

for dinner and said I would find my own way home. In technical terms, I ditched my date. It was definitely not the ladylike thing to do, but it was straightforward, honest and saved us both a miserable two hours.

I would like to be clear that kickball guy with facial hair is not a bad guy or even a bad date ... for someone else. We were just a bad fit.

But what I learned from that bad date is you can leave a bad date. You can walk away from a bad situation and survive the awkwardness. And if you do it honestly, you also can cause the least amount of harm possible. An app that allows you skirt the honesty of a bad date in the end is only going to teach you skirt bad situations in life.

We spend way too much time hiding behind our electronics. We Facebook, we text, we WeChat, we Grind, we OKCupid—we do everything electronically possible to not actually call and meet someone. We put so many barriers between ourselves and real-life interactions that we create our very own digital curtains.

And instead of making life easier, all these apps are doing is decreasing our resilience to life's awkwardness and possible rejections. When we don't ditch a date, we don't learn that we can leave a bad situation.

And when we aren't ditched by dates, we don't learn that we will survive rejection.

We all have the power to survive the awkward and leave a bad date or rebound after being rejected. But to really know this we need to decrease our reliance on apps and increase our self-resilience.

God forbid your battery dies and you're in the middle of a bad date ... without your ditching app.

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TUMBLR THURSDAY

4 to try

Forget Hump Day. Forget TGIF. Thursday is my favorite day of the week, especially this week, as I have some particularly awesome Tumblrs for you to follow. Check out these four favorites of the week. —JESSICA GALLIART, REDEYE SOCIAL MEDIA LADY



Rich Kids of Instagram

richkidsofinstagram.tumblr.com

In case you didn't already feel bad about your not-rolling financial situation ... just kidding. These kids rolling in private jets are rich, but they're also lame as hell.



Texts from Superheroes

textsfromsuperheroes.tumblr.com

This seems appropriate for today. (Happy Almost-'Dark Knight Rises' Day!) This Tumblr imagines what text message conversations between crusaders like Batman and Superman and other Marvel heroes would look like. Conclusion: Robin is a huge pain in the ...



Sex Questions from Seventh Graders

sexquestionsfromseventhgraders.tumblr.com

Just another reminder of how much your adolescence sucked. A middle school teacher asks students to submit questions they're too embarrassed to ask via notecards in a box in the classroom. Almost all of them are about sex, and absolutely all of them are hilarious (and heartbreaking). My favorite: "Why can't we control our boners?"



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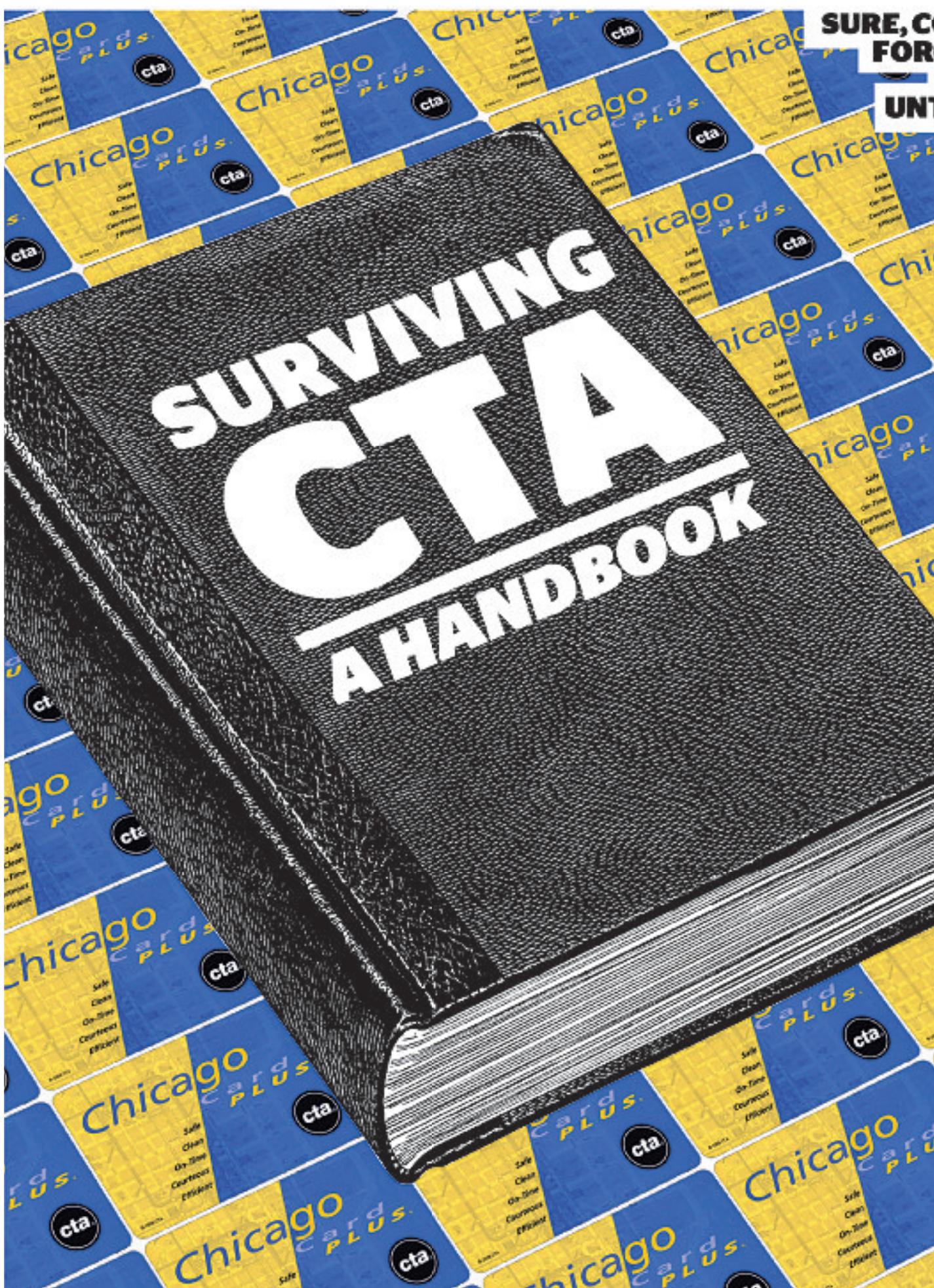
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SURE, COMMUTING IS MOSTLY FORGETTABLE—BUT WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS?

By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

The CTA provides more than 1.7 million rides each weekday, and for the most part, these rides go smoothly.

But occasionally they don't. Sometimes riders experience crimes, medical problems or equipment difficulties with their trains.

Some of these incidents have occurred more regularly lately. Thefts and robberies on the system are on the rise compared with two years ago but have seen some decline this year, according to a recent Tribune report.

Six riders died on CTA tracks by suicide or by accident in March and April alone—compared with nine of these deaths in all of 2011.

And in April, a CTA train chartered by railroad buffs derailed in the South Loop, forcing 40 riders to evacuate the train. Two months earlier, a derailment in the Red Line subway caused two to suffer minor smoke-related injuries.

In event of emergencies such as these, RedEye has created a list of scenarios that riders may encounter on the CTA—from medical problems to train evacuations. The

CTA has provided tips for riders who find themselves having an "E" of a day.

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What if there's a medical emergency?

Occasionally, trains are delayed because of rider medical emergencies. In May, there was a sick passenger on the Green Line near the 43rd Street station and a sick passenger on the Blue Line near Western Avenue, according to the CTA's Twitter feed, @cta, which alerts riders to the reasons behind delays.

If you have a medical emergency on the train or see a medical emergency on the train:

- You should use the passenger intercom located on each rail car under the blue light to call the train operator, the agency said.

- Rail operators are then supposed to inform the CTA's Control Center, which works in tandem with the City's 911 center.

- The Control Center would give the rail operator instructions, which may include stopping the train between stations or proceeding to the another station to await assistance.



What if I have to evacuate the train?

It was just six years ago that a Blue Line train derailed near the Clark/Lake stop, sparking a tunnel fire that resulted in 152 riders suffering injuries.

Since then, the CTA said it has upgraded its emergency exits with new lighting, stairways and handrails.

If the train has an equipment failure that leads to evacuation:

» The CTA says you should stay calm, wait for instruction and not open rail car doors or evacuate.

» If the train is in the station, CTA workers would direct you to exit onto the platform through the side doors. If the train is partially in the station, you would use the end doors of the car to access the portion of the train that is in the station to exit onto the platform.

» If the train is not by a station and there's

a train behind on the same track, you would use the end doors to access the adjacent train. If there's a train on adjacent track, workers would direct you to a designated car so you can cross a temporary walkway to that train.

» If there's no nearby train, the CTA would cut power to the track. You would then use the side doors to access an emergency walkway at track or platform level.

What if I fall on the tracks?

In March and April, six male riders died on CTA tracks. The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office ruled half of these incidents accidents, the other half suicides.

If you fall on the tracks:

» If there are no CTA workers in the immediate vicinity to help, you should ask for help from other riders on the platform and ask them to call 911 to have power to the rails turned off.

» If you are not injured or you feel you could move without risking further injury, you should try to return to the platform while making every effort to avoid touching or stepping on any rails.

» If you are injured or unable to climb back onto the platform, you should try to move toward the platform and away from the third rail to avoid accidentally touching or brushing up against it. The third rail always will be the rail farthest from the platform at all stations and at most terminals.

What about theft?

From 2009-11, CTA rail riders reported more than 3,000 incidents of theft, which rose 30 percent during that two-year period, a recent Tribune report found.

If you are a victim of a crime on a train or in a station:

» You should not fight back or engage with an offender, the CTA said.

» You should alert CTA workers or call 911 as soon as possible and provide as many details as possible about the offense such as the time, location, rail car number or run number and direction of travel.

» Miguel Fuentes, head of the Chicago chapter of the Guardian Angels, the informal CTA patrol group, recommends noting the offender's unique characteristics such as facial hair, tattoos, missing or crooked teeth and jewelry. Also, take care to note the offender's shoes. It's easy to change shirts, Fuentes said, but it's more difficult to change shoes.

» CTA stations have multiple cameras, which may help the police solve the crime. The CTA said it needs riders to report any crimes because information is used in investigations and reports allow the police and the CTA to keep track of these crimes to deploy additional resources as needed.

What about battery?

CTA train riders reported about 1,000 incidents of battery from 2009-11, the Tribune found.

If you see a weapon or a disturbance on a train:

» The CTA has a "see something, say something" policy for its system that encourages riders to tell a CTA worker immediately if they see unattended packages, odd smells or smoke or someone acting suspiciously.

» When notifying the CTA of a rider with a weapon, Fuentes recommends noting which station the rider exited and the time. Do not follow anyone who has a weapon.

» If you see a disturbance on the train, you should use the passenger intercom to contact the train operator.

Instructions getting an upgrade



By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

In May, the CTA shut down Brown, Purple and Red line train service during rush hour on the North Side so firefighters could battle a blaze at Roy's Furniture near the Fullerton stop.

During the shutdown, riders reported conflicting instructions from CTA employees—one example of a few recent communication breakdowns CTA President Forrest Claypool identified as a problem in a sitdown interview with RedEye shortly after the incident.

To improve communication with riders, the CTA is moving toward an audio system the agency says will provide clearer announcements at rail stations.

The system, installed at the new Oakton Yellow Line station and Morgan Green and Pink line stop, features smaller but more numerous speakers to better concentrate sound, the CTA said.

The speakers, mounted on canopies, point downward to focus the sound onto the platform, according to the agency.

The CTA said it plans to install the speakers at the other 143 stations over the next two years.

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Target will launch a "beauty concierge" program in selected Chicago-area stores. AP FILE

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Would you like a concierge with that beauty product?

Chicago Tribune

Target has launched a "beauty concierge" test program in 28 stores around the Chicago area, the Minneapolis-based company has confirmed to the Tribune.

The program, launched this week, will arm "concierges" with iPads, mirrors and product samples to provide expertise and guidance to shoppers browsing the retailer's revamped beauty sections.

The concierges, who will be clad in all black, instead of Target's standard red, will wear aprons and nametags. They will be on hand roughly 40 hours per week at times posted in the store to

provide "detailed, unbiased information" and "act as a friendly face in what can often be an intimidating department," the company said in an emailed statement.

Chicago was selected as the test market because of its various store formats and shopping population.

The concierge test program is part of a larger trend in the beauty industry in which department stores and specialty retailers are designing their selling areas to encourage shoppers to "try it and buy it."

Target said it plans to offer more high-end or "prestige" beauty brands to customers at the

Target price point and has expanded its bath products and multicultural selections.

The retailer's beauty offerings include an assortment of beauty essentials, "natural" beauty products and designer makeup brands such as Jemma Kidd and Sonia Kashuk.

The beauty program "adds comprehensive service and education that many of our guests want and expect while shopping beauty," the company said in an emailed statement.



Will this summer set record?

Chicago Tribune

The Chicago area fell just shy of setting a record with Tuesday's heat, but the National Weather Service says the city has a good shot at breaking another record this year: the most number of days in the 90s.

Tuesday's high of 99 degrees was the 31st day this year with highs at or above 90 degrees in Chicago. The record is 47 days, set back during the "blistering hot summer of 1988," the weather service said in a statement. So far, the city is running ahead of the pace of 1988.

By this date in 1988, there had only been 26 days with highs in the 90s. The year didn't see its 31st 90-degree high temperature until July 30, meaning 2012 is running nearly two weeks ahead of 1988, according to the weather service.

The weather service issued a hazardous weather outlook Wednesday for parts of the Chicago area and downstate because the heat index could reach 105 degrees in some areas, particularly between Mendota and Kankakee.

EXPRESS LINES

■ Oprah Winfrey on Tuesday unloaded her eight-room, 4,607-square-foot Streeterville co-op unit for \$2.75 million. She paid \$5.6 million in 2006 for the sixth-floor unit but never lived in it.

■ The University of Illinois' initial free online courses attracted about 14,000 enrollments on the first day of registration, according to the company partnering with the university on the project.

■ The CTA is operating special trains that spray water on the tracks and increasing visual inspections during the extreme heat spell to prevent "sun kinks" from warping the rails and possibly causing derailments, transit officials said Wednesday.

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Homicides from July 11 to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz

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South Shore recorded two gunshot homicides in two days this week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

A 21-year-old man was shot to death Tuesday in the 7800 block of South Colfax Avenue, police said. Two days earlier, a 21-year-old man was fatally shot in the 7800 block of South Constance Avenue, officials said.

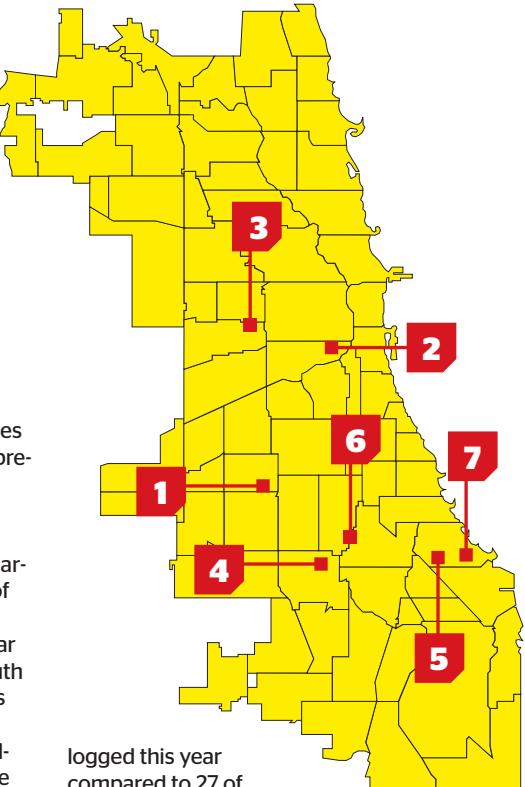
South Shore has logged 11 homicides so far this year, according to RedEye data. The South Side community area recorded 17 homicides last year, RedEye data shows.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were recorded in the last week in Auburn Gresham, Gage Park, the Lower West Side and North Lawndale, RedEye determined.

Meanwhile, more people have been stabbed to death in Chicago so far this year than in all of 2011, RedEye found.

A 49-year-old man was fatally stabbed Monday in the 500 block of West 72nd Street in Englewood, police said.

Twenty-eight stabbing deaths have been



logged this year compared to 27 of these deaths last year, RedEye determined. Stabbings have accounted for about 10 percent of homicides so far this year, compared to about 6 percent last year, RedEye data shows.

Twenty-seven homicides have been logged so far in July. Fifty-five homicides were recorded in July 2011, according to RedEye data.

1 5800 BLOCK OF S. FAIRFIELD AVE.

Date: July 14 Cause: Gunshot

2 1800 BLOCK OF S. SANGAMON ST.

Date: July 14 Cause: Gunshot

3 1100 BLOCK OF S. WHIPPLE AVE.

Date: July 14 Cause: Gunshot

4 1200 BLOCK OF W. 79TH ST.

Date: July 14 Cause: Gunshot

5 7800 BLOCK OF S. CONSTANCE AVE.

Date: July 15 Cause: Gunshot

6 500 BLOCK OF W. 72ND ST.

Date: July 16 Cause: Gunshot

7 7800 BLOCK OF S. COLFAX AVE.

Date: July 17 Cause: Gunshot



MORE ONLINE

Check out RedEye's interactive homicide map at redeyechicago.com/homicides.

Grand jury probes Rush St. death

Chicago Tribune

The special prosecutor appointed to investigate the 2004 death of a man during a drunken confrontation with a nephew of then-Mayor Richard M. Daley's said Wednesday he has convened a grand jury but offered no timetable for when the investigation will be done.

Dan Webb, a former U.S. attorney, was appointed to investigate the death of David Koschman nearly three months ago.

Speaking at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse following an unrelated court appearance,

Webb said a grand jury with full subpoena powers and the power to compel witnesses to testify under oath is hearing evidence.

Koschman, 21, had been drinking in the Rush Street nightlife district early on April 25, 2004, when he and friends argued with a group that included Richard "R.J." Vanecko, a member of the powerful Daley family. During the altercation, Koschman was punched or shoved, causing him to fall back and hit his head on the street. He died 11 days later. No charges were ever filed.



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1 Tidying up

Workers sweep a carpet Wednesday before the arrival of Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and Belarusian counterpart Mikhail Myasnikovich in Minsk, Belarus. **REUTERS PHOTOS**


2 Up in smoke

Firefighters spray water on burning NATO supply trucks Wednesday in Samangan, Afghanistan, after a bomb planted by the Taliban destroyed 22 vehicles.


3 Mandela Day

Inmates perform for schoolchildren Wednesday in Umtata, South Africa, as the country celebrated former president Nelson Mandela's 94th birthday with special events and charity work in what has become known as Mandela Day.

Forbes: Everyone loves Ramsay

4 NEW YORK With 24 restaurants around the world, 11 Michelin stars, numerous cookbooks and TV shows, Gordon Ramsay is the top earning chef in the United States, with an estimated global income of \$38 million, according to a new list by **forbes.com**.

Scottish-born Ramsay, known to TV audiences for his acerbic comments on "Master Chef" and "Hell's Kitchen," surpassed Rachael Ray, who earned an estimated \$25 million for the year ending in June from her TV show, magazine and cookbooks.

Austrian-born Wolfgang Puck, whose 20 restaurants contributed to his \$20 million in earnings, came in third on the list of top earning chefs who have a strong presence in the U.S. He is based in California.

"They are very diversified," said Dorothy Pomerantz of **forbes.com**. "There is nobody who just has restaurants. TV is a huge factor in making this list because they make so much more money from television than they can from their restaurants."

Merchandising and cookbooks also pumped up their incomes, Pomerantz said.

Completing the top five were Paula Deen, the Southern cook criticized for buttery recipes and for becoming a pharmaceutical spokeswoman after she was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, and Mario Batali, co-owner of more than a dozen restaurants and one of the stars of "The Chew." They earned \$17 million and \$13 million, respectively.


LOCATION CONNECTION

Celebrity chefs were not the only people making big money in food. Some restaurants also had huge earnings.

Bob Chinn's Crab House restaurant in Wheeling made about \$24 million, not including alcohol sales, and was named the top-earning restaurant in the U.S.

5 Tour bus blast kills 6

Six people were killed and more than 30 injured in a blast on a bus carrying Israeli tourists in Bulgaria. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blamed Iran for the attack.

6 Obama seeks academic pros

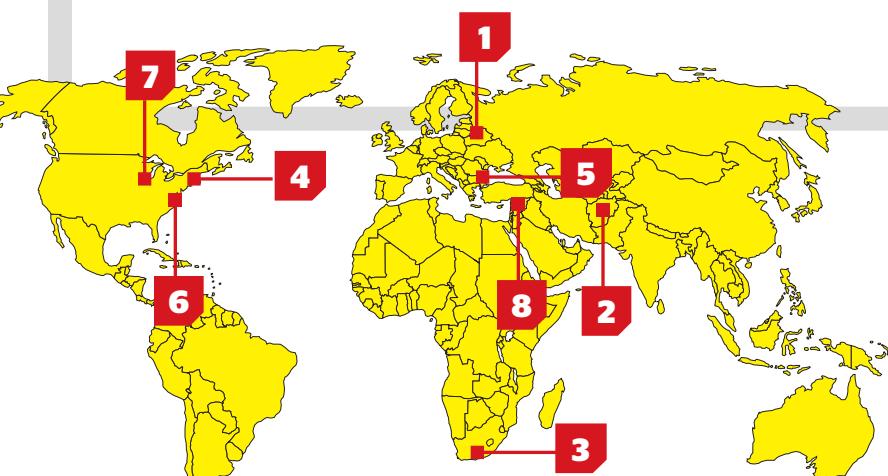
President Obama on Wednesday proposed a \$1 billion program to recruit high-performing math and science teachers to mentor and evaluate their peers and help students excel.

7 Ag secretary prays for rain

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said he was on his knees every day, praying for rain in the Midwest, where a prolonged drought is withering crops in the fields and likely will push up food prices later this year and next.

8 U.S. urges shift in Syria

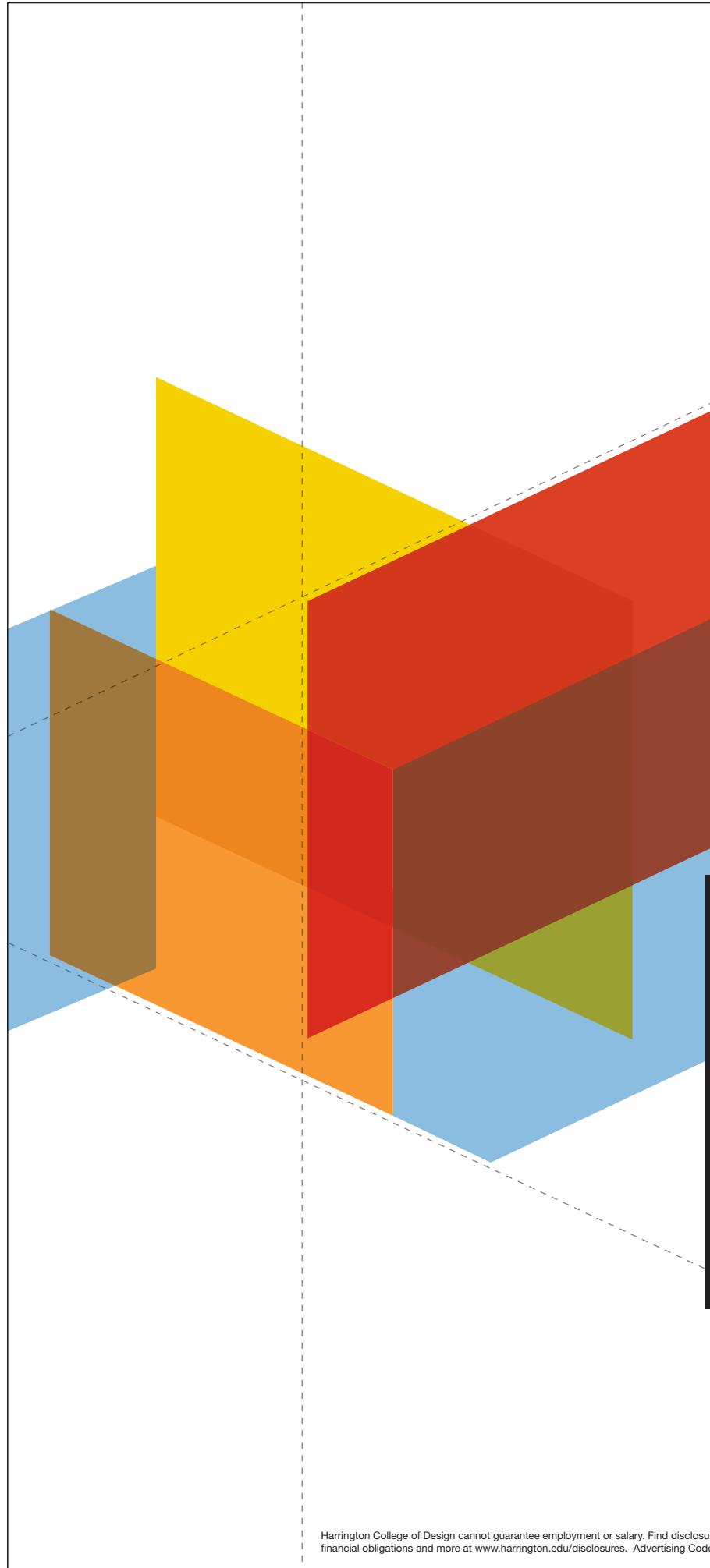
The U.S. said Wednesday it was clear that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad was losing control of his country and it urged the international community to get behind a political transition plan to avert a looming sectarian civil war.


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Which U.S. athletes rake in the most ridiculous money?

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Tiger Woods finally lost the title of the world's best-paid athlete, more than two years after a sex scandal chased away some of his biggest sponsors.

In this year's Fortunate 50—Sports Illustrated's ranking of the top-paid U.S. athletes—boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. knocked Woods out of the top spot for the first time since the list started in 2004.

Woods' estimated endorsement income was \$60 million in 2010 and \$92 million in 2009, the year that ended with his sex scandal. Woods has not won a major tournament since the scandal broke and has seen his on-course earnings fall sharply. His estimated winnings were down from the \$20.5 million he made during the 2009 golfing season.

In the top spot, Mayweather Jr. had zero endorsement dollars, but brought home \$40 million in his win over Victor Ortiz in September 2011 and another \$45 million from his May 2012 fight with Miguel Cotto. He's going to have trouble spending those winnings in the near term though: He's serving a three-month jail sentence for domestic abuse.

SI's rankings combine the pay, winnings and endorsement deals from the athletes' most recently completed season. The list also excludes foreign athletes.

1 FLOYD MAYWEATHER JR. \$85 million

Mayweather earned all of this cash from just two fights and has no endorsement money coming in.

\$85 million in winnings
\$0 in endorsements

2 PHIL MICKELSON \$60.7 million

Mickelson is about \$30 million behind Tiger Woods in career earnings, but this year, he came out on top.
\$3.7 million in winnings
\$57 million in endorsements

3 TIGER WOODS \$56.4 million

Woods lost some of his high-profile endorsements (like one with PepsiCo's Gatorade) after his, ahem, troubles but Nike stuck with him, paying him an estimated \$35 million a year.

\$1.9 million in winnings
\$54.5 million in endorsements

4 KOBE BRYANT \$48.3 million

At least some of this considerable fortune will go to Bryant's wife, who recently filed for divorce.
\$20.3 million in salary
\$28 million in endorsements

5 LEBRON JAMES \$45.9 million

He may be "King James," but his salary is dwarfed by Bryant's. The endorsements make up some of the difference.

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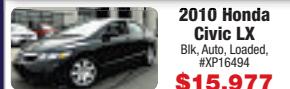
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1 Who said this: "They don't like me there, and I don't blame them."

Gotta be Ozzie and his overestimated sense of self-importance.

Dwyane Wade, talking about Chicago Bulls fans.

Adam Sandler. At this point even his imaginary penguin hates his movies.

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5 Which Chicago pro athlete should have competed in the Olympics?

Jay Cutler. As long as it's not for singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

Alfonso Soriano, in the 500-meter Irrelevant hitting category.

Since I know a lot about local shotput, I have to go with Jim Stansel.

Patrick Kane. He'd do great in the marathon pub crawl.

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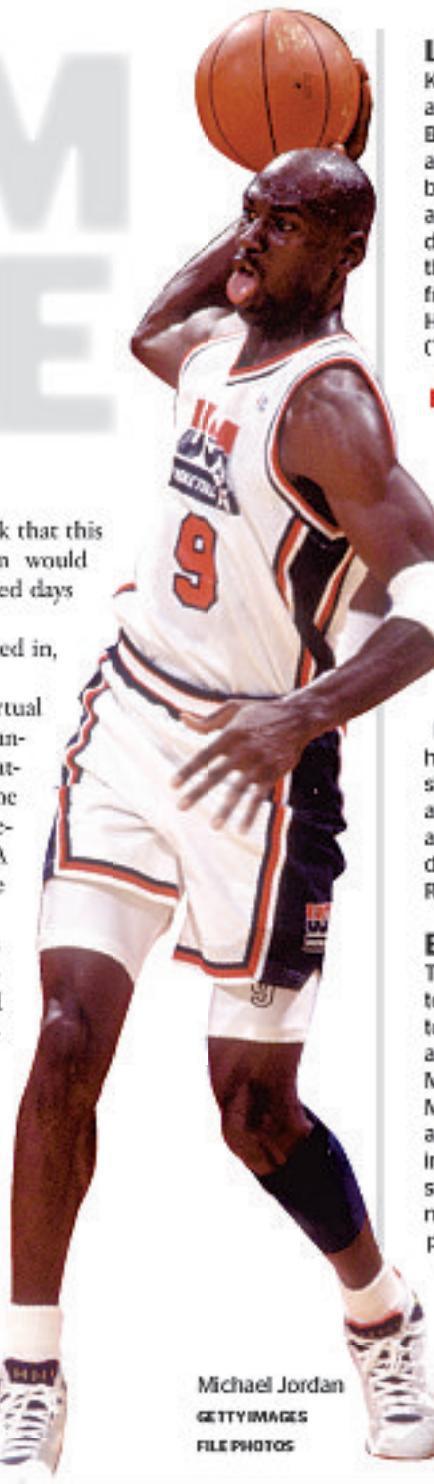
President Obama even weighed in, siding with the Dream Team.

In an attempt to add some virtual reality to the discussion, the fantasy sports game company Strat-o-Matic ran a simulation of the matchup in a best-of-seven series. The result? Team USA 2012 wins the first game 115-109, led by Chris Paul.

But the 1992 team wins the next four, behind Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley and Larry Bird. Overall, Jordan averaged 20 points, while Kobe Bryant averaged 18 points per game. In Game 5, the Dream Team rallied from eight points down in the fourth quarter to win 126-125.

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Chicago dietitians pick their 'eat this, not that' choices from five new bar menus

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No one said embracing healthy eating habits is easy, but sticking to a diet while still hitting bars for an after-work drink can be a nightmare. The most direct solution is obvious, if impossible: Cut out the bar visits. But putting a sudden end to the fun may not be the only solution. Thanks to beefed-up bar menus and more restaurant/lounge hybrids in the city than ever, you don't have to reach for a pile of fried-and-sauced wings when you sit down for a drink.

"I'm not recommending you eat [at bars] every day, obviously," Chicago-based nutritionist Jason Boehm said. "If it's Friday night and you want to splurge, [there] are some smarter alternatives so you don't feel deprived." Boehm points to some obvious basics to help immediately cut the guilt: Think wraps, not burgers; salads, not sandwiches; red wine, not another sugar-loaded cocktail. And fries? "Instead of regular fries, get **sweet potato fries**," Boehm said. "[There are] more nutrients in the sweet potato fries ... just don't drown them in sugary ketchup."

Watch out for hidden calories in dishes and drinks that might sound like a good choice, such as grilled chicken wings. "Don't be fooled by the word 'grilled,'" Chicago-based dietitian and author Dawn Blatner said. "Chicken wings are all skin ... and it's the skin that's fatty and high in calories. So even though you save some fat and calories because they aren't fried ... baking [or grilling] wings are still a skip."

Before you head out this weekend, see what Boehm, Blatner and other local nutritionists had to say about what to eat and what to avoid at five recently opened bars.

Bar Umbrago

6 W. Hubbard St. 312-494-1200

What to eat: It may seem indulgent, but at this recently opened River North wine bar, Boehm suggests the salami and cheese selections (\$4-\$5 each). "You're getting protein ... without the starch or sugar," Boehm said. "Alcohol plus starch or sugar is a good way to pack pounds."

What to avoid: In the interest of avoiding the dreaded starch-and-alcohol combo, Boehm warns against this wine bar's heavy pasta dishes.

Mercer One Thirteen

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What to eat: "I would tell people to go with the bacon-wrapped scallops (\$15) and share a steak salad (\$16)," Boehm said of the menu at this restaurant-lounge combo on Hubbard Street. "Both of these options give you protein and good fat without anything deep-fried or sugar-coated."

What to avoid: The worst appetizers include fried options such as the fried oysters (\$13) or the tempura shrimp (\$11) which picks up an extra diet violation for being served with a sugary mango dipping sauce.



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The Drinkingbird 2201 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-472-9920

What to eat: The healthiest choice on the indulgent menu at this retro Lincoln Park lounge is the mussels (\$10), but dietitian Jennifer Vimbor, owner of Nutrition Counseling Services, warns that you'll want to nix the beer-cream sauce with bacon that comes with it. **What to avoid:** "The Drinkingbird has some yummy options that may not be the most healthful," Vimbor said. "I say, live a little ... we're human. Take care of yourself regularly so you can have the occasional not-so-good-for-you food." In other words, the decadent deviled eggs or house-made bratwurst could be worth the splurge.

Estate Ultra Bar

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What to eat: At this rooftop lounge, Chicago nutritionist Breea Johnson of Sustaining Nutrition suggests getting adventurous with an order of grilled octopus, which comes with watermelon radish and frisee (\$12). "Octopus is a delicious, low-calorie and high-nutrient seafood," Johnson said. "When paired with greens and a spicy nut sauce, this dish is perfect to share over a cocktail." Johnson also points to the beet salad (\$8) as a low-calorie winner.

What to avoid: As much as you might want to pad your stomach for a night of cocktails with something heavy, Johnson warns against deep-fried options such as the fish and chips (\$13) or the pretzel croissant (\$7), which is "high in refined carbohydrates, low in protein and fiber which makes for a highly unfulfilling snack when paired with a cocktail."



pardon, a dish of salt cod-stuffed piquillo peppers in a tomato sauce (\$7). The peppers are both low in calories and contain capsaicin, an anti-inflammatory that can improve circulation, Cheffer said.

What to avoid: Pass on the boquerones en vinagre (\$6), aka white anchovies in vinegar. "A mere five anchovies contribute to over half of your daily recommended sodium intake," Cheffer said. "A high-sodium diet may increase your risk for high blood pressure. While anchovies have some nutritional benefits, enjoy them in moderation and share this dish among friends."

Stout Barrel House & Galley

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What to eat: Move past the main dishes on this River North bar's dinner menu (too big, Blatner said) and order from the "bar bites" or "to share" sections. Try the fish tacos (\$12 for three with raw tuna, coleslaw and chipotle cream) for a good non-fried option, plus a dose of veggies in the slaw. Or split a flatbread pizza (\$14) with a friend.

What to avoid: The Animal Fries (\$8). "Cheese and bacon on deep-fried potatoes ... you don't have to be a nutritionist to figure this one out," Blatner said.

Black Bull Tapas

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What to eat: For those looking for a few health perks at this Wicker Park tapas bar, dietitian Amari Cheffer, founder of Eat Chic Chicago, recommends starting with the pimientos de

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The great Pinterest mixology deception



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Raise your hand if you've recently started an awkward party conversation with "I was on Pinterest the other night..."

Consider both my hands raised.

Something about the mind-numbing way I sift through posts from my friends every night makes me think I have Martha Stewart

superpowers. I suddenly want to organize the kitchen I don't own, try a new braid in the long hair I don't have and plan new craft projects with the kids I definitely don't parent.

Typically, I snap out of it. Mine is a world of pre-packaged oatmeal mixes and store-bought cards. I don't have the time, Mason jars or scissors to do half of what I see pinned each night, which likely has saved me many dollars in raw food and glitter purchases.

But then came the drinks boards. Unlike hand-painted neon coat hangers, cocktail-making as craft is a concept I can get behind. So down the rabbit hole I went.

Pin-trial 1: Save money, mix at home

You cannot escape the budgeting advice on Pinterest. So in the interest of saving a few bucks one week, I decided to live and drink on just what I had around the house. Learned: Don't mix Dr. Pepper and whiskey in a closed water bottle. Cleaned: Entire kitchen to eradicate sticky mess. Reminder: Never shake a soda.

Pin-trial 2: Gourmet Jell-O shots

Unlike the plastic cup-encased disasters you mixed in college, Pinterest Jell-O shots take a little more creative effort. Cups? Never! You'll be pouring the boiling liquid into lime, lemon and orange rinds to cool and slice into faux-fruit slices. Instead of classic combinations such as "Blue and Everclear," Pinterest suggests upgrades such as caramel apple, strawberry margarita and pink lemonade. In theory, a great idea. But buying the multiple bottles of booze needed to create these pint-sized delights is more than I can rationalize. With only the funds for one box of Jell-O and one type of booze, you can expect my post on "Strawberry-Andre champagne" Jell-O shots to hit the web soon.



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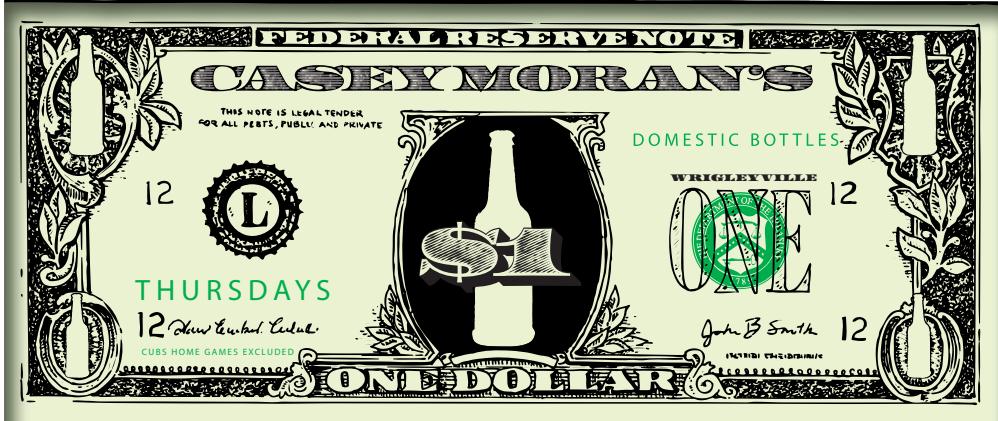
Pin-trial 3: The Painkiller

If anyone balks at your preference for sweet rum-and-juice blends, just snap back that **tiki cocktails** are very, very in right now. And if you run into a pin on how simple a little mix of rum, pineapple juice, orange juice, coconut cream and nutmeg is, keep in mind the following: Coconut cream is probably not available at the grocery store down the street. No, a mix of coconut milk and condensed milk is not an acceptable substitute. And once you've committed to a strong dash of nutmeg, the only counter-solution is to add more rum. In fact, just pour the whole handle of Sailor Jerry into a plastic juice pitcher and go from there. Cocktail experiments are best when shared with friends. Live and learn.

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I wasn't totally blown away by the namesake bird at chef Kristine Subido's chicken-centric eatery, but I am still thinking about this side dish. It's kind of an off-the-husk version of a Mexican elote, with the sweet kernels joining forces with lime mayo and cotija cheese, plus a drizzle of lime and a sprinkle of cilantro. Absolutely delish. —LISA ARNETT

Radiatore (\$12) at Nellcote

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Chef Jared Van Camp's snazzy-yet-still-intimate West Loop winner had me at "duck pasta," but the radiatore, featuring substantial pieces of duck leg and cracklings (crispy duck skin) crumbled over the top, delivered just as much flavor as it promised. FYI: Radiatore is Italian for "radiator," which apparently the noodles resemble. More useful information: You can pick up a bag of the whole-wheat pasta (made with house-milled flour) at Nellcote or nearby Italian grocery J.P. Graziano for \$7 per bag. —MATT PAIS

Affogato and doughnuts (\$8) at Balena

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The affogato and doughnuts, courtesy of Balena's pastry chef Amanda Rockman, is not the fanciest dessert you'll ever eat. There's no spun-sugar birdcage guarding it from your fork. No smoking dry ice keeping it perfectly chilled. It's just a shot of espresso poured over a hunk of vanilla gelato and some freaking amazing cinnamon sugar doughnuts. You can do whatever you want to do with those doughnuts. Rip them apart and dunk them into the glass of what turns into a mocha milkshake. Scarf them down while they're still piping hot, then chug the ice cream and espresso to wash it down. However you choose to eat it, you will leave the table more pleased than you ever thought possible. —GEORGIA GARVEY



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movie I've never seen."

Indeed, after the screening, I returned to the office, and my failure to utter the phrase "best movie ever" elicited a concerned sigh. It's no surprise people expect the world. "The Dark Knight," the rare unifier between box-office gold and critical acclaim, signifies pretty much the universal choice for the best superhero movie of all time, featuring a legendary performance by posthumous Oscar winner Heath Ledger.

Consequently, many may feel a shiver of disappointment after "The Dark Knight

Find a cannon, buy a doughnut and shoot the thing into the sky. (Watch out/you're welcome, birds.) That flying piece of pastry won't climb anywhere near as high as expectations for "The Dark Knight Rises," whose review embargo lifted days before the Chicago screening, perhaps so people could start publicly calling it, "The best

"Rises," largely because hopes are so high and partly because the final installment in director Christopher Nolan's trilogy more closely resembles the solid, imperfect "Batman Begins" than the frequently extraordinary "The Dark Knight." That's not to say Nolan has not saved some tricks for last.

In "Rises," eyebrows have reason to elevate almost immediately, in an opening sequence that will make IMAX viewers glad they dropped the few extra bucks. Inside a plane housing CIA operatives who have no idea who they're dealing with, Bane (Tom Hardy in an exceptional, terrifying performance), a buff beast whose booming voice arrives obstructed by what looks like a poorly conceived gas mask, executes a thrilling, destructive tragedy and makes it look easy. The evil act won't be his last, and this disturbing human wrecking ball's guaranteed potential for mayhem represents enough for Bruce Wayne (Christian Bale) to un-retire his Batman costume. In the eight years since the death of one-time do-gooder, eventual baddie Harvey Dent (Aaron


The Dark Knight Rises
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Eckhart), Bruce has become a recluse, so much so that even his veteran associates Alfred (Michael Caine) and Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman) encourage him to get out and date more.

Could that mean sparks with activist Miranda Tate (Marion Cotillard)? Or with the thieving Selina Kyle (Anne Hathaway), who, yes, looks like Catwoman in the right mask and tight-fitting ensemble?

Unlike its remarkably engrossing predecessor, "The Dark Knight Rises" struggles to master its rhythms and buckles under its running time (a whopping 164 minutes). The film stuffs in topical notions about clean energy, privacy, job opportunities, charity and, most significantly, widely skewed distributions of wealth on top of ever-present discussions of morality. A comment about the foolish arrogance of the

wealthy drips like venom out of Selina's mouth, and it becomes increasingly clear that Bruce, Jim Gordon (Gary Oldman) and officer John Blake (a very good Joseph Gordon-Levitt) are battling an army unwilling to remain underground and underrepresented any longer.

Pittsburgh may have taken over for Chicago as Gotham, but in "The Dark Knight Rises" (which far exceeds "The Avengers" and "The Amazing Spider-Man" in ambition and wows) Batman's city remains a stand-in for any city where some people will no longer tolerate the lies and condescension from those in power.

This bloated, sometimes-chilling crime epic approaches fear as a useful tool for those on both sides of the law, each empowered to rise up when no one else will. With or without a cape.

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‘Knight’ crusaders attack reviews

TheWrap

As Batman battles Bane and Gotham City’s other thugs in “The Dark Knight Rises,” movie review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes is clashing with digital delinquents: comment trolls who have forced the site to shut down its commenting feature.

The website suspended comments Tuesday on its page for “The Dark Knight Rises” after two negative reviews of the film, directed by Christopher Nolan, drew a flood of threatening, derogatory and misogynistic remarks about the authors.

Rotten Tomatoes Editor-in-Chief Matt Atchity wrote a post condemning the commenters and explaining the site’s ethics code, distilling his point down to one phrase: “don’t be a [bleep].”

“Marshall has the right to not like the movie, and people have the right to express their disagreement with him (although if you haven’t seen the movie, your arguments may be on shaky ground),” he wrote. “And we have the right to pull your comment down and ban you if we think you’re acting inappropriately.”

Atchity told The New York Times that commenting likely would be restored Thursday or Friday, once more reviews are posted and more commenters have seen the actual film.



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Batman 101

Tribune Newspapers

"The Dark Knight Rises" will be released Friday. It's director Christopher Nolan's final entry in his trilogy that not only deconstructed the Batman mythos, but the idea that all comic-book films are vacuous camp.

With his first two Batman films, Nolan re-imagined Batman as something a bit more plausible in today's world: a self-made, one-man special forces unit with lots of money, a kick-ass R&D department and tons of anger issues. But beyond that, he made the character more than a superhero: Batman was a catalyst to explore the very human concepts of the crippling force of grief, justice vs. vengeance, and corruption—both institutional and personal.

In the first film, "Batman Begins," we learned about the kind of trauma it would take to send a man jumping off rooftops. Its sequel, "The Dark Knight," showed us the havoc a high-functioning sociopath could cause through Heath Ledger's definitive portrayal of the Joker (sorry, Jack).

It illustrated how polarizing ideals—Batman as an agent for order, the Joker for chaos—can lead to escalating acts of violence and blowback. As entertaining as it was, "The Dark Knight" easily could be an allegory for terrorism and the threats posed to civil

liberties by strong state response.

"Batman Begins" loosely followed Frank Miller's now-classic "Batman: Year One," a rebooted origin story that not only detailed Bruce Wayne's clumsy, sometimes inept beginnings as Gotham City's protector, but brought with it a vulnerability (and ultimately, heart) readers had yet to see in the character.

As for "The Dark Knight"? It pretty much went off the rails of any story previously published by the character's parent company, DC Comics.

And since every copy of the "Dark Knight Rises" script is under lock and key, we're not sure what to expect. All we have to go on is the official synopsis: The story takes place 8 years after the events of "The Dark Knight," where Batman took the fall for Harvey "Two-Face" Dent's spiral into madness. It's a polite way to say Dent—formerly a charismatic district attorney—killed a few people.

After years of lying low, Batman (Christian Bale back in the mask) is called to face a maniacal terrorist named Bane (Tom Hardy) and Selina Kyle, aka Catwoman in the comic books, although promotional materials for the film don't refer to her as Catwoman. Whatever. Anne Hathaway plays Catwoman.

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paperback—which collects issues from "Batman," "Detective Comics," "DC Showcase '93" and "Batman: Shadow of the Bat"—Batman meets Bane, a ruthless crime lord whose size, strength and speed are second only to his genius. Think Hannibal Lecter on steroids. Bane releases all the crazies from Arkham Asylum, forcing Batman to waste time and energy recapturing them. It's only when Batman returns home, exhausted, that Bane strikes, beating and then breaking Batman, forcing him into retirement.

Catwoman: Nine Lives of a Feline Fatale

DC Comics, \$14.95



If ever there were a character in need of a career counselor, it's Selina Kyle. A brief summary of her work history includes: International jewel thief.

Government agent. Bounty hunter. Vigilante covering Gotham's East End. She even put in work as a prostitute in Miller's "Batman: Year One" series. "Nine Lives" chronicles the character's journey over the decades, but it's worth the money just to read her first appearance in Batman #1 (1940). Then known only as "The Cat," Selina boards a yacht disguised as an old woman and steals \$500,000 in jewelry. Soon, she's discovered by Batman, who delivers what remains one of the most ridiculous lines in the history of comic books.

Batman Versus Bane

by Chuck Dixon, Illustrated by Graham Nolan, DC Comics, \$12.99



Yes, you get the same "Vengeance of Bane" one-shot you'd find in "Batman:

Knightfall." But you also get "Batman: Bane of the Demon." As Bane searches for his actual father, our protagonist meets Ra's Al Ghul, who decides that Bane should not only succeed him as head of the League of Assassins, but also see to the destruction of Gotham City. Sound familiar? If not, that's your cue to order "Batman Begins" on Netflix.

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Batman: The Dark Knight Returns

written and illustrated by Frank Miller (with Klaus Janson), DC Comics, \$14.95



Originally published in 1986, Frank Miller's four-issue series (and collected paperback) stands alongside Alan Moore and Dave Gibbon's "Watchmen" as the benchmark for sequential storytelling. With "The Dark Knight Returns," Miller creates a Batman who, at age 55, is about 10 years out of the game and still mourning the death of his last Robin, Jason Todd. When Harvey Dent—reformed and dapper thanks to some major surgery—returns to a life of crime, Bats takes up the cowl but soon finds out his skills aren't what they used to be. What makes "The Dark Knight Returns" such a success is that it reveals Batman to be a man, one just as frail and decaying as the people he protects. **TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS**

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Los Angeles Times

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Lapidus says it's best to keep layers minimal because "an extra layer of anything on the skin makes it feel heavy. The thinner the layers, the more it's going to stick."



EYES

For eyes, Lapidus recommends applying either a primer or a dab of foundation before putting on shadow to help it stick, and following it up with a gel liner, instead of waxy, melt-prone pencils or tricky-to-apply liquids, and then topping it off with waterproof mascara. For summer, Make Up For Ever introduced its new Aqua cream shadows (\$23), which are billed as waterproof, smudge-proof and crease-proof. Maybelline's EyeStudio Color Tattoo gel cream shadows (\$7) and L'Oreal's Infallible shadows (\$8) are similar, though the Aqua line has a larger color selection.

LIPS

There are lots of options for giving a hint of color without the heaviness of a lipstick. Again, Lapidus recommends highly pigmented products, such as balms and butters, that build up color through layering. Lapidus likes Revlon's Colorburst lip butter (\$8), which comes in a tube but is best if dabbed on with a finger for a more natural look, and tinted lip balms from Burt's Bees (\$7).

FACE

As a first step, Lapidus recommends using oil-free, highly pigmented concealers and moisturizers, instead of foundation, and applying as little as possible to prevent it from sliding. Nars Pure Radiant tinted moisturizer (\$42) incorporates broad-spectrum sun protection, as does CoverGirl's CG Smoothers tinted moisturizer (\$8).

To bring a fresh summer glow to the cheeks, Lapidus suggests gels and stains instead of powders and creams—with one exception: Yves Saint Laurent creme de blush (\$38), which she says has the pigmentation of a cream and stays put in hot weather. The only powder Lapidus recommends for summer is for "setting" a face. She swears by Make Up For Ever Microfinish Powder (\$32) when the makeup application is finished, then switches to blotting papers if the skin sweats or begins to look greasy.

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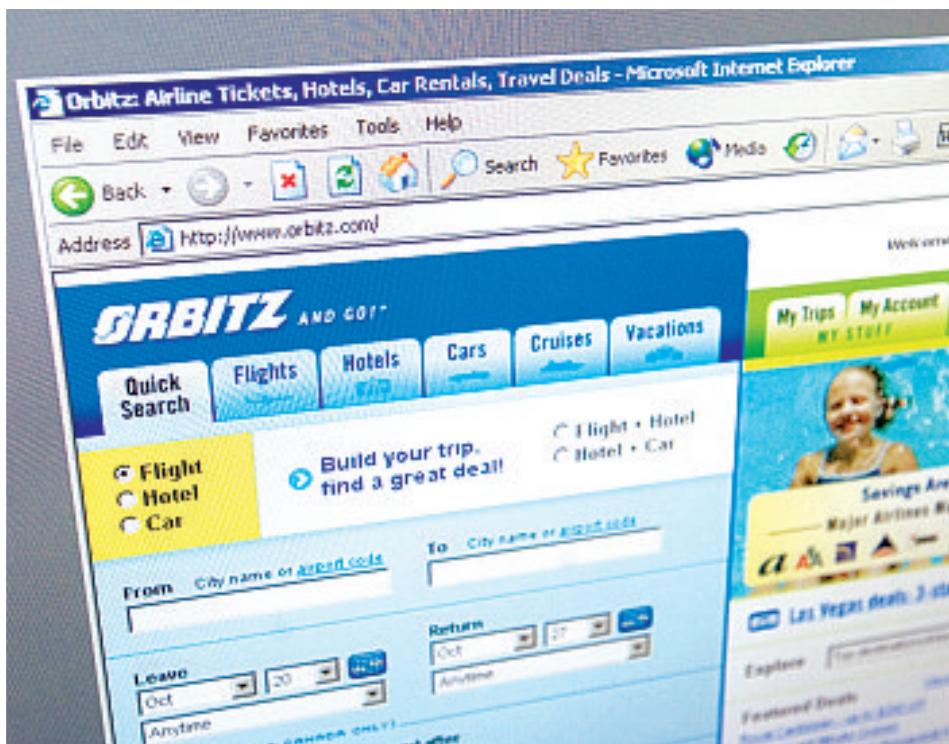
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"There's greater comfort when talking to somebody—a real person," said Yax, a partner in a Bend, Ore., advertising agency. "It's not just putting something in a shopping cart and checking out."

Yax, 40, is not alone as travel agencies enjoy a turnaround.

Agencies had been suffering from years of declines as online travel sites—including Expedia, Travelocity and Priceline—took root.

Also, consolidation decreased the number of visible storefront offices, and many of the remaining agents switched to a lower-overhead work-from-home model, said Nina Meyer, president of the American Society of Travel Agents.

Over the past couple of years, though, the pendulum swung back, and business is growing again—for many in leaps and bounds, she said.

Agencies made \$95 billion in sales in 2011—about one-third of the U.S. travel market, according to Connecticut-based travel research company PhoCusWright. While the majority of the revenue comes from business travel, the leisure segment still accounts for more than \$20 billion.

At American Express Travel, Vice President David Patron said bookings through agents were up 12 percent in the first half of 2012

from a year earlier. The company is neck-and-neck with Expedia as the U.S. market leader, according to the Travel Weekly Power List.

Surprisingly, Generation Y—consumers in their late 20s—accounts for the biggest percentage of business at traditional agencies, according to Mandala Research LLC.

The move toward human-booked travel does not mean the websites are hurting, however. Even people like Yax, who use travel agencies, still book their less complex trips online.

Many in the travel business want to be known as advisers or consultants rather than agents. They play up the idea that they are managing both your time and your vacation investment instead of just booking packages and getting tickets.

Some build on a specific expertise by serving a niche—anything from catering to the wealthy to specializing in scuba diving trips, religious pilgrimages, cruises or specific destinations.

Meyer and others in the industry say one common thread among newer clients is their need for someone to sort out the sheer volume of information on the Web.

Interior designer Phyllis Harbinger, 49, says she used a travel agent because she experienced one too many fouled-up reservations with online services.

"I'm a great traveler, and I've been all over the world," she said. "But I don't know who has the best amenities. Having that trust factor and having the trusted adviser, that's worth gold."

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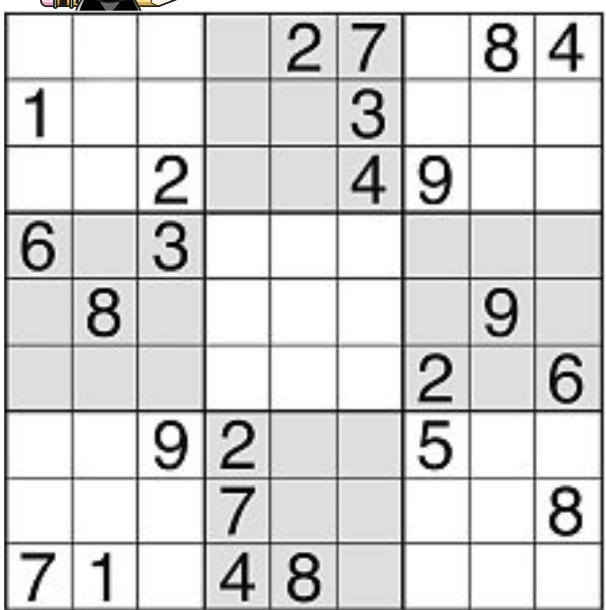
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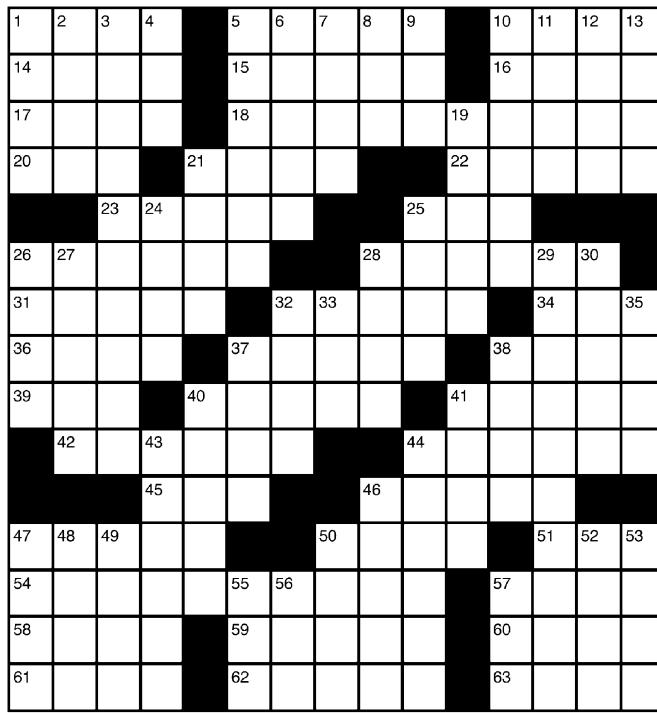
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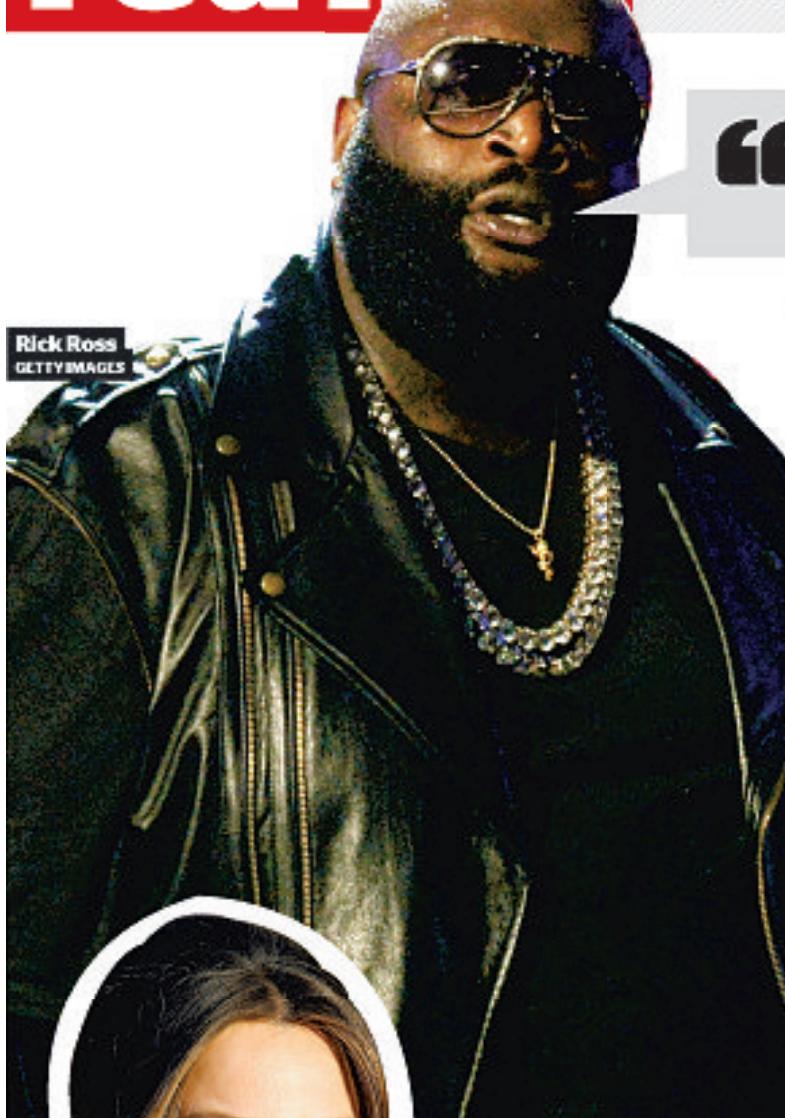
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That's when "Lincoln," the Stephen Spielberg biopic about the former president that already is garnering Oscars buzz, will be released, thewrap.com reports. Daniel Day-Lewis stars as the prez.

“I ain’t gonna lie: I love that cheese.”

—Rick Ross, to Bon Appetit magazine, on one of his favorite foods

STAR STRUCK

Long before "Mad Men," Jon Hamm met Jay-Z in an elevator and awkwardly told Hova he was a fan. "And then we rode the elevator down the rest of the way, and then he got out and walked to the curb and got in a powder blue Bentley," Hamm told avclub.com. "And I walked to the corner and got on the subway." Like a boss.



OCTOBER 16

That's when Death Cab For Cutie frontman Ben Gibbard will be release his debut solo record, "Former Lives," avclub.com reports.



What the Halle?

Halle Berry is the latest Hollywood star to be injured while at work. Berry, filming a fight sequence Tuesday in L.A. for her movie, "The Hive," suffered a minor head injury. "She was taken to the hospital as a precaution, but she checked out healthy and was released," a rep told USA Today. "She'll continue production as planned."

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